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The title of the invention is objected to as not descriptive. Applicant has amended the title of the invention.

Claims 18 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner stated that claim 18 contains subject matter which is not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 18 has been amended to recite that a maelate is mixed with the polyolefin of the film.

Claims 14-16 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Boah (U.S. Patent No. 4,953,511). Boah teaches a heating module including a coating of polypropylene. Boah does not teach that the coating is polyester, polyolefin, polyetherimide, polyethersulfone, polysulfone and polyimide as claimed. The claimed invention is not anticipated, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Boah in view of Ehrig (U.S. Patent No. 4,824,736). The Examiner states that it would be obvious to mix a tackifier or a maelate with the polymer of Boah, and the claimed invention is obvious. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

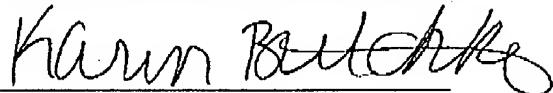
There is suggestion or motivation to mix a tackifier or a maelate with the coating of Boah. Nothing in Boah teaches that the coating is deficient in any way or in need of a tackifier. Additionally, claims 17 and 18 depend on patentable claim 13 and are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Adding Ehrig to Boah still does not render claims 17 and 18 obvious. Therefore, claims 17 and 18 are not obvious in view of Boah and Ehrig pursuant to 35 USC 103(c). Applicant respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Thus, claims 13, 15 and 17-25 are in condition for allowance. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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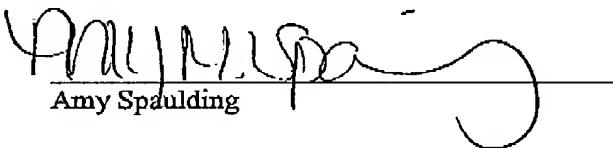


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